

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As a preliminary matter, in accordance with Examiner's remarks in paragraph 7 of the Office Action, the references listed in the specification are being submitted on Form PTO-SB-08A, Information Disclosure Statement By Applicant.

Also preliminarily, and complying with the Examiner's requirement in paragraph 8 of the Office Action, new application papers conforming to current practice are provided herewith, with the text being the same as originally filed. For the sake of good order, the present amendment is submitted in a form that makes reference both to the original papers and to the substitute specification.

The rejection of claims 1 – 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph are believed overcome by the foregoing amendments. The material in the original specification at page 10 under the heading of "Supplemental Descriptive Material" has been deleted and incorporated in the amendment to page 4, and under the heading "General Comments" inserted at page 9, which also includes material from claim 9.

It is believed that the amendments to the claims are self-explanatory, and are directed to clarify the syntax and antecedent bases of the claims and otherwise respond to the various objection made in paragraph 6 of the Office Action. Claims 22 – 28 have been added to incorporate material deleted from claims 8 – 11 and 13.

The Examiner has found that the subject matter of claims 1 – 15 does not appear to anticipated or rendered obvious in view of the prior art of record and the otherwise reviewed prior art. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. In the event that other amendments to clarify the claims are needed, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if he believes a telephone discussion would be helpful.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 50-0337, under Order No. LA-7204-101.US. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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